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Scurry-Rosser Independent School District Partners with Schneider Electric to Kick-Off District-Wide Energy Efficiency Project

• School district funds security, classroom comfort and athletic facilities upgrades through energy efficiency savings

SCURRY, Texas – January 18, 2018 – The Scurry-Rosser Independent School District (ISD) located in Scurry, Texas today announced it has started construction on a turnkey energy efficiency project that will upgrade safety and security, classroom comfort and the athletic environment at facilities across the district. The district is partnering with energy and sustainability expert Schneider Electric on the comprehensive energy efficiency project that will reduce utility consumption by 21 percent, with an average savings of \$149,000 per year guaranteed by Schneider Electric for the life of the project.



Representatives from Scurry-Rosser Independent School District and Schneider Electric don hard hats at a groundbreaking event on January 8, 2018.

"As a small school district, we must be creative in order to make the most of our available resources in a fiscally responsible way," said James Sanders, Superintendent, Scurry-Rosser ISD. "We are proud to partner with Schneider Electric on this energy efficiency project that will not only make our schools more efficient and sustainable, but also reallocates dollars back into the classroom where they are needed most."

The savings from this energy efficiency project will allow the district to modernize its school buildings and provide an enhanced learning environment for students. Classrooms will be brighter, safer and more comfortable thanks to new lighting, security systems and HVAC solutions. The district will also take its athletics department to the "next level" by installing sustainable artificial turf to the high school football field and installing equipment to make gym facilities usable through all seasons. The new artificial turf is green year-round, requires much less maintenance than traditional grass and is safer because it creates a softer surface to cushion falls.

Additional energy conservation measures and facilities upgrades include:

- Enhancing indoor and outdoor lighting with LED technology
- Replacing obsolete HVAC equipment
- Adding HVAC to the middle school gym, elementary school gym and the archery building
- Modernizing outdated electrical infrastructure

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- Providing a comprehensive building automation system
- Improving domestic water efficiency
- Upgrading the security camera system
- Installing security vestibules to all school entrances
- Updating the high school football field with sustainable artificial turf

The project will also have a sizable environmental impact on the local community. Once completed, the project will have an environmental impact equivalent to removing 2,120 cars from the road, planting 2,880 acres of new trees or removing 10,560 tons of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere.

Over the next year, construction teams will work around the district's schedule in order to accomplish the necessary improvements with little disruption to students, faculty and staff. Construction is scheduled to be completed by Fall 2018.

"School districts small and large face shrinking budgets, but many are leveraging energy efficiency to accomplish projects they previously couldn't afford," said Tammy Fulop, Vice President, Schneider Electric. "We're excited to partner with Scurry-Rosser ISD to reinvest the money they are already spending on utilities to upgrade their learning environment and athletic facilities."

Over the past 25 years, Schneider Electric has successfully implemented more than 675 energy savings performance contract (ESPC) projects across the nation, saving its clients nearly \$2 billion. This project delivery method helps publicly funded entities make capital improvements over longer payback periods and offers many long-term benefits such as improved facility efficiency, occupant comfort, financial management and environmental protection.

For more information on how Schneider Electric helps K-12 schools tackle energy efficiency, please visit <u>www.enable.schneider-electric.com</u> or contact your local Schneider Electric representative.

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Scurry-Rosser Independent School District is a school district based in Scurry, Texas. In addition to Scurry, the district serves the towns of Rosser, Cottonwood, and Grays Prairie in southwestern Kaufman County. Scurry Rosser ISD serves approximately 1,013 students across three schools. The mission of Scurry-Rosser ISD is to provide students with the desire and the skills to pursue excellence, to be competitive in the workplace and in institutions of higher education, and to make responsible, informed, ethical decisions both now and during their future lives.

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